In claim 10, line 2, please replace "any one of claims 1-9" with –claim 1--.

In claim 13, line 1, please remove "or 12".

In claim 14, line 1, please replace "claims 11-13" with –claim 11--.

In claim 15, line 1, please replace "claims 11-14" with –claim 11--.

In claim 16, lines 1-2, please replace "any one of claims 11-15" with –claim 11--.

In claim 17, lines 1-2, please replace "any one of claims 11-16" with –claim 11--.

In claim 18, lines 1-2, please replace "any one of claims 11-17" with –claim 11--.

In claim 19, lines 1-2, please replace "any one of claims 11-18" with –claim 11--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.
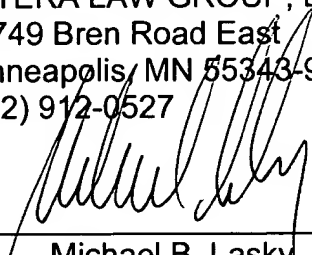
Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at (952) 912-0527.

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